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1. OTTO FUERBRINGER, VICE PRESIDENT OF TIME, HAD
LONG CONVERSATION WITH SANTIAGO CARILLO, SECRETARY
GENERAL OF SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY(PSE) ON 8 JULY.
HE GAVE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF CARILLO'S STATEMENTS TO
LABATT AT LUNCH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HIS MEETING
WITH THE SPANISH LEADER:

(A) THE OVERTHROW OF THE FRANCO REGIME WILL BE A
RELATIVELY PEACEFUL PROCESS. HE REFUSED TO BE MORE
SPECIFIC.

(B) JUNTA DEMOCRATICA WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE DAYS
FOLLOWING A CHANGE IN THE SPANISH REGIME. HE IS
CONFIDENT THAT ALL FACTIONS OF SOCIALISTS WILL EVENTU-
ALLY JOIN THE JUNTA SO AS TO MAKE IT A BROAD LEFT-OF-
CENTER COALITION.

(C) CARILLO IS HAPPY AS PC SECRETARY GENERAL BUT IF
THE COMRADES ASK HIM TO TAKE A PORTFOLIO IN THE
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POST-FRANCO GOVERNMENT HE WILL AGREE TO DO SO.

(D) THE JUNTA'S OBJECTIVE IS TO RESTORE CIVIL LIBERTIES AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND NOT TO PROJECT THE GOAL OF SOCIALISM. THIS WILL COME MUCH LATER.

(E) JUAN CARLOS IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND WILL HAVE TO GO. HE DID NOT INDICATE HOW THIS WAS TO BE ENGINEERED BUT HE WAS ADAMANT IN SAYING THAT JUAN CARLOS COULD NOT STAY ON THE THRONE MORE THAN "A COUPLE OF MONTHS." IN CONTRAST DON JUAN IS ACCEPTABLE AND HIS RULE NEED NOT BE SUBJECTED TO THE TEST OF POPULAR WILL IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE TAKES OVER.

2. WHAT REALLY SURPRISED FUERBRINGER WAS THE ATTEMPT MADE BY CARILLO TO BERATE THE U.S. FOR HAVING FAILED TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT PORTUGAL FROM GOING AS FAR AS IT HAS GONE. HE THOUGHT THAT THE U.S. AS A POWERFUL COUNTRY SHOULD HAVE FOUND WAYS AT THE TIME OF SPINOLA TO STOP CUNHAL FROM APPROPRIATING THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION. WHEN FUERBRINGER PROTESTED CARILLO BACKSTEPPED A BIT BUT HE LEFT NO DOUBT THAT HE WAS QUITE CRITICAL OF THE WAY EVENTS WERE DEVELOPING IN PORTUGAL.

3. ASKED ABOUT THE U.S. BASES, CARILLO SAID THAT "AMERICANS CAN STAY IN SPAIN FOR AS LONG AS THE RUSSIANS KEEP TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA."
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